Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Master Sergeant Calvin J. Crooks' dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Master Sergeant Crooks devoted more than 33 years of his life to the service of this state and country in the Public Affairs, Transportation and Communications fields, with overseas service in Italy, Germany and Panama. His efforts to cover Hurricane Katrina stories in Louisiana, WWII and Korean War Memorial Dedication ceremonies and many other events in South Dakota, and his work on the *Coyote* newspaper, have greatly helped to tell the Guard story; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Master Sergeant Crooks continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Master Sergeant Calvin J. Crooks for more than 33 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2006, as

MASTER SERGEANT CALVIN J. CROOKS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State